

Malden Historic District
(4012 Malden Drive (House))
Malden
Kanawha County
West Virginia

HABS No. WV-210-4

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

MALDEN HISTORIC DISTRICT, 4012 Malden Drive HABS No. WV-210-4

Location: 4012 Malden Drive, Malden, Kanawha County, West Virginia
(Within the boundaries of the Malden Historic District)

Present Owner
and Occupant: Robert L. Hitchcock

Present Use: Residence

Significance: This house is typical of the cottage-scale dwellings frequently encountered in Malden. The Malden Historic District was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on July 18, 1980.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This one-story frame cottage is typical of modest dwellings erected during the first quarter of this century.
2. Condition of fabric: Maintained with better than average care.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: This house is approximately 40'-6" in width and 32'-4" in depth, having a three-bay front. The building is a rectangular block to which porches are attached on the east and west, much of the rear porch having now been enclosed.
2. Foundations: Foundations are of regularly sized cast concrete blocks.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Walls are of wooden construction, the exterior siding being shiplap siding with the top half of each exposed face being beveled. Walls and all trim except window sashes are painted white. Window sashes are painted black.
4. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.: The west-front has a raised, one-story porch surrounded by a low wooden wall in lieu of a balustrade. Square wooden columns support the porch roof. To the rear occurs a porch extension, the north portion of which has been enclosed to function as an interior space only.
5. Chimneys: A single chimney is centrally located, emerging through the ridge of the gabled main roof.

6. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: The principal entrance is wooden and has nine lights--a large central light surrounded by eight smaller ones.
- b. Windows and shutters: Windows are of the double-hung sash variety, each wooden unit being composed of an upper sash with four narrow vertical lights above a lower sash having a single light.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: The principal roof is a simple gabled affair to which a flat front porch roof has been attached. At the rear, the slope of the main roof has been extended, at a shallower pitch, to cover the porch. The principal roof covering is black asphalt roofing in bands approximately two feet in width.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Roof edges project beyond all exterior walls creating eaves with open soffits. Bargeboards are simple rafter-like members.

C. Site:

1. General setting: The principal front faces west onto Malden Drive.
2. Historic landscape design: It has been reported that this building was moved to its present site from a nearby community during the 1930s or thereabouts.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) with funding from the West Virginia Department of Culture and History. The recording was completed under the direction of John Poppeliers, Chief of HABS, and Kenneth L. Anderson, Principal Architect of HABS, in the HABS field office in Charleston, West Virginia. Recording was carried out during the summer of 1979 by James Murray Howard (University of Illinois), Project Supervisor; Donna White, Project Historian; and Student Architects James Barrett Garrison (Carnegie-Mellon University) and Keith Edward Soto (University of Florida). The photographs were taken by Walter Smalling, Jr., Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Photographer.

See Malden Historic District (HABS No. WV-210), sheet 6 of 9, for elevation drawing.